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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-2, and add new claims 3-6 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A video switcher comprising:

a plurality of inputs; and

an aspect ratio converter;

wherein the plurality of inputs are capable of receiving a plurality of signals of mixed aspect ratios, the switcher adapted to combine one or more of the plurality of signals to form a composite video signal.

2. (Currently Amended) A video switcher comprising:

a plurality of inputs; and

a switcher which receives a converted and a native signal format and combines the signals into a composite effect.

Add the following new claims:

3. (New) The switcher of claim 1, wherein the switcher is adapted to control parameters including at least one of pan and scan and letterbox.

4. (New) The switcher of claim 1, wherein the switcher allows integrated control of Up Convert and Down Convert processes.

5. (New) The switcher of claim 1, wherein the switcher is adapted to control downstream switching between converted and non-converted signal formats.

6. (New) The switcher of claim 1, wherein an operator is capable of overriding default settings to control a conversion and selection process.